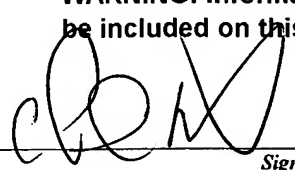
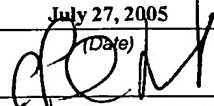


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This is a reply to the Office Action dated June 28, 2005 regarding the above-identified patent application. Claims 2-5, 7-9, 11-13, 15, 17, and 19-22 are pending in the application. Claims 2-5, 7-9, 11-13, 15, 17, and 19-22 are subject to an election of species requirement.

The **Current Status of the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.